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I am proud to present the third issue of the *Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Digest*. I would like to thank everyone on the Editorial Board and those who contributed to the *Digest*. The theme for this year's *Digest* is "Immigration & Multiculturalism." The topic of immigration became the center of national attention in the 1996 election year. As border states faced increasing economic pressure due to increases in the immigrant population, Congress addressed the issue by enacting sweeping immigration reform legislation. A country that was once supportive of immigration is now tightening its borders in an attempt to decrease illegal immigration.

The student articles in this year's *Digest* focus on the multiculturalism aspect of our theme. The first article discusses the case of *Arizonans for Official English v. Arizona*, which addressed the issue of declaring English as the official state language of Arizona. The second article examines a number of legal issues affecting Native Americans. The case notes examine diverse issues relating to immigration law. Subjects range from asylum to Title VII protection for illegal aliens. Many of the case notes in the *Digest* examine the procedural due process rights of those seeking entry to the United States and the judiciary's attempt to maintain the balance between these rights and expedient deportation hearings. The *Digest* now contains a new section entitled "Recent Developments." This section is comprised of three cases that do not fit within the theme of Immigration and Multiculturalism, but are of such great importance to minority communities that they merit inclusion in the *Digest*.

The *Digest* is honored to include an article contributed by attorneys from the firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish in Richmond, Virginia. This article provides practitioners with an overview of employment-based immigration options under The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009 (Sept. 30 1996).

It is my hope, and the goal of the editorial staff, that every reader will find this issue of the *Digest* to be a useful tool in examining legal theories.

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